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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121(A)

To: Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attn: **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, following the title please amend by inserting a new first paragraph:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR00/01993, filed July 11, 2000, published under PCT Article 21(2) in French as WO 01/09429 on February 8, 2001, and claims priority from French Application FR/99.10146, filed July 30, 1999. The entire disclosures of both are incorporated herein by reference. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, and add new claims 6-14 as follows:

6. *(New)* A material for producing membrane roofing sheets, comprising:
a textile backing (T);
a top layer (4) comprising at least one thermoplastic polyolefin resin, covering one side of the textile backing (T) and intimately bonded thereto;
a thin metal foil located on a side of the textile backing (T) opposite the top layer (4); and
a bitumen layer attached to the thin metal foil;

wherein at least part of a thickness of the textile backing (T) is embedded within the top layer (4).

7. *(New)* The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bitumen layer is attached to the thin metal foil on a side opposite the textile backing (T).

8. *(New)* The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) comprises an ethylene polymer or copolymer.

9. *(New)* The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thin metal foil comprises aluminum.

10. *(New)* The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) is combined with the textile backing (T) by calendering.

11. *(New)* The material as claimed claim 1, wherein the top layer (4) extends over the entire width of the textile backing (T), and a textile tape (5), comprising a nonwoven, is bonded to the top layer (4) along one edge thereof.

12. (New) The material as claimed claim 11, wherein the textile tape (5) is bonded to the top layer (4) along a lateral edge thereof.

13. (New) The material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the textile backing (T) comprises at least one fibrous web (2) combined with a textile mesh (3) based on a material selected from the group consisting of glass and synthetic polymers and combinations thereof.

14. (New) The material as claimed in claim 13, wherein the synthetic polymers are selected from the group consisting of polyesters, polyamides, polyvinyl acetate, polypropylene, and combinations thereof.

In the Abstract:

After page 19, please insert the following abstract:

--ABSTRACT

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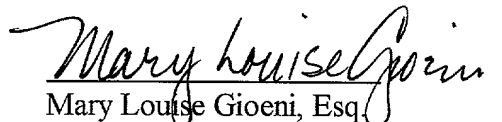
The invention concerns a material for producing built-up roofing, comprising a textile support (T) covered, on one of its faces, with a surface layer (4) closely bound thereto, and consisting of a synthetic resin, said surface layer (4) being based on thermoplastic resins selected from the family of polyolefins, capable of being produced in sheet. The invention is characterized in that said surface layer (4) is based on ethylene polymers or copolymers, its combination with the textile support (T) being obtained by calendering, the latter being embedded over part of its thickness inside the resin layer (4). --

REMARKS

New claims 6-14 are added to eliminate multiple dependencies, to bring the form thereof into compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. patent law, and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter was added.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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